IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently amended)   A method for implementing a game on an electronic gaming machine comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a player wager on the gaming machine, said gaming machine presenting a plurality of spaces organized into and associated with one or more subsets where each space has a ~~predetermined~~ specified order within its associated subset;

(b) responsive to the wager and under control of the gaming machine, selecting one of the plurality of spaces;

(c) repeating steps (a) and (b) until all spaces associated with a one of the one or more subsets are selected in one of the following manners: selection in the specified order over an unspecified period to form a completed subset, or selection in the specified order over a specified period to form a completed subset ~~consecutive or nonconsecutive order~~; and

(d) awarding a bonus prize when the spaces of the one subset are selected to form the a completed subset.

2.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of spaces are organized into one or more B-I-N-G-O cards and the ~~predetermined~~ specified order is B, then I, then N, then G, then O.

3.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 2 wherein the plurality of spaces are organized into four B-I-N-G-O cards where each space corresponds to one of the four cards and to one of the five letters of the respective B-I-N-G-O card and the ~~predetermined~~ specified order is B, then I, then N, then G, then O.

4.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 3, further including the step of associating each of the four B-I-N-G-O cards with a plurality of possible prizes, one of which is awarded when one of the B-I-N-G-O cards is completed.

5.   (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more subsets is a plurality of subsets of spaces and one of the spaces is associated with more than one of the plurality of subsets.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the step of awarding a bonus prize includes the step of awarding a bonus prize for the simultaneous completion of more than one of the plurality of subsets in one of the following manners: selection in the specified order over an unspecified period to form a completed subset, or selection in the specified order over a specified period to form a completed subset consecutive or nonconsecutive order.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the step of awarding a bonus prize for simultaneous completion includes the step of awarding a special bonus for simultaneous completion of all subsets in one of the following manners: selection in the specified order over an unspecified period to form a completed subset, or selection in the specified order over a specified period to form a completed subset consecutive or nonconsecutive order.

8.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) occurs only when a maximum bet is received in step (a).

9.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of building a bonus script at the beginning of a bonus session to predetermine the order of and type of spaces selected and the bonus prize awarded during the bonus session.

10.   (Withdrawn) A method for implementing a bonus game on an electronic gaming machine, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a player wager on the gaming machine for a base game, said gaming machine being provided with a bonus game having multiple B-I-N-G-O cards, each card including five columns that are each associated with a particular B-I-N-G-O letter, and a plurality of spaces with each space corresponding to a respective column on a respective card;

(b) detecting if said player wager on said base game is a maximum bet wager;

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(c) responsive to the detection of the maximum bet wager, selecting one of the plurality of spaces on the bonus game;

(d) lighting the columns associated with the selected spaces in sequential order in a respective one of the multiple B-I-N-G-O cards to form a completed B-I-N-G-O card; and

(e) awarding a bonus prize for the completed B-I-N-G-O card.

11.   (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 10 wherein step (d) includes:

ordering the columns of each card into the following sequential order: B, I, N, G, O;

lighting a column associated with and responsive to the step of selecting one of the selected spaces only if the column is associated with a B or if a prior column in the sequential order has already been lighted, otherwise not lighting the previously unlighted column.

12.   (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 11 further including the step of providing a mystery space that corresponds to more than one of the multiple B-I-N-G-O cards.

13.   (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 12 further including the step of awarding a bonus prize for more than one completed B-I-N-G-O card when the mystery space is selected at the same time that the G column is lighted on more than one B-I-N-G-O card.

14.   (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 10 further including the step of building a bonus script at the beginning of a bonus session, wherein steps (c), (d) and (e) operate under control of the script.

15.   (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 10 wherein the step of awarding a bonus prize includes the step of selecting a bonus prize from a plurality of bonus prizes associated with the completed B-I-N-G-O card.

16.   (New)   The method of claim 1, wherein the specified period is equal to the number of spaces within a one of the subsets.

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17.   (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the specified period is five consecutive wagers.